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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Willem P.C. Stemmer

Application No: 10/623,036

Filed: July 18, 2003

For: **Methods for Generating Polynucleotides
Having Desired Characteristics by Iterative
Selection and Recombination**

Examiner: Hankyel Park

Art Unit: 1648

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.